

ANN LANDERS



Sickness in the Air

Dear Ann Landers: I wonder how many parents are making the same mistake my parents made many years ago. When I was a small lad, the doctor said Dad had heart trouble. We kids were told that Dad might drop dead any minute. Whenever he got a pain in his chest or his stomach we were sure he was dying. We were scared out of our wits when Dad went to bed not feeling well. We would stay up half the night listening at the door to make sure he was still breathing.

When I was 17 I began to have heart-pounding spells. I was sure I had inherited Dad's heart trouble. The doctor said I was O.K. but I didn't believe him. I went from doctor to doctor but nobody could find anything wrong with my heart. I suspected they were lying.

Today I am 55 years old. I have a family but I have never been happy because all my life I have been worried about dying. Oh yes, I ought to tell you that my dad died at 69 years of age, of cancer.

Please tell your readers not to do to their children what our father did to me. Worrying about Dad's health ruined my childhood. Worrying about my own health ruined my adult life. Thank you for printing this.—G.F.

Dear G.F.: The less talk of sickness and death around children the better. Experts tell us that children often imitate the illnesses of a parent rather than inherit them. Your letter illustrates this point far better than anything I could say and I thank you for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I were sitting around last night talking because the TV broke down. In a teasing mood I asked Vernon what he was going to give me for Christmas. He replied, "Your teeth cost over \$250. That's your Christmas present."

I said, "You're kidding." Vernon answered, "I've never been more serious in my life."

What do you think of a husband who would be so cheap? What am I going to tell people when they ask what Vernon gave me for Christmas?—DISAPPOINTED WIFE

Dear Wife: There are still those shopping days left till Christmas. I'll bet Vernon buys you a little gift to go along with the teeth. Even if he bought you a single red rose—it would make 33 gifts in all. Good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: Do you have a solution to the problem of people who are always late? One couple in our crowd can never get anyplace on time. If the card game is called for 8:00 o'clock, they show up at 9:15. If it's dinner, they are an hour late and the hostess is furious. We have missed the first half hour of dozens of movies on account of these people.

I, for one, am fed up on their rudeness, but my husband says we should accept them for their many good qualities and overlook this one fault. What is your opinion?—MRS. GULLET FULL

Dear Mrs. Gullet: These Late Lulus will never change so don't expect miracles. The solution is simple: Don't wait for them for cards, movies, dinner or anything else. Tell them you'll meet them at the theatre, the ball game, or whatever. If it's dinner, serve them the dried-out meal when they arrive and tell them it was delicious an hour ago.

Is alcoholism a disease? How can the alcoholic be treated? Is there a cure? Read the booklet "Alcoholism—Hope and Help," by Ann Landers. Enclose 25 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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'Any Wednesday' To Open

Reservations are still being accepted by Chapel Theatre for the gala New Year's Eve celebration which combines a performance of "Any Wednesday" and a midnight supper-dance.

The event, to be held Saturday, Dec. 31, will be limited to 116 persons (capacity of the theatre) for the show and 175 for the dinner. Reservations are \$7.50 per person. "Any Wednesday," which opens Friday, Dec. 30, at Chapel Theatre is located at 4164 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

School Board Election Set

Two members of the Torrance Board of Education will be elected during a school district election to be held April 18, 1967.

Terms of Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts and Dr. Kurt T. Shery will expire. Both are expected to seek new terms.

Plan to Supply Added Natural Gas Approved

Federal Power Commission action upholding additional gas deliveries to the Southern California area has been termed gratifying by a spokesman for the Pacific Lighting system which distributes gas in this area.

At the same time the local gas companies said FPC Commissioner Lawrence J. O'Connor is in error in his belief that Los Angeles' smog problem will be worse instead of better following the FPC's approval of additional gas supplies.

O'Connor dissented from the commission majority's de-

nial for construction of a boiler fuel gas pipeline which had been sought by Gulf California Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of Tenneco Inc., of Houston, Texas.

INSTEAD, the FPC approved applications by El Paso Natural Gas Co. and Transwestern Pipeline Co. to boost deliveries to the Southern California market through facilities already largely in existence.

A spokesman for the Pacific Lighting system gas utilities again pointed out that their supply proposal provides more gas to steam plants, as well as to other customers, at a price much lower than would have been possible under the Gulf Pacific proposal.

The new gas supplies are being made available to the Southern California market at least a year earlier than any deliveries under the Gulf Pacific plan, it was pointed out.

THE NEW GAS deliveries will substantially reduce industrial fuel oil burning in the Los Angeles basin this



GETTING THE MESSAGE . . . Three of the more than 80 helpers who answered phones for Santa last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are shown on the job at Wright Anserfone in downtown Torrance. Standing is Dr. Lloyd Jones of the Torrance school district. Seated are officer David Marsden (left) and Sgt. Ray Silagy of the Torrance Police Department. It was the first year for the officers. (Press-Herald Photo)

What'd Santa Get? A Cauliflower Ear

A call a minute for more than 21 hours.

That was the record compiled in the 1966 Phone Santa project sponsored for the ninth year by Roger Wright and Wright Anserfone of Torrance.

Five phones were manned from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday by volunteer "Santas" from the school district, business offices, and from city, professional, and service club ranks.

More than 80 Santas put in shifts at the phones, three of them for the ninth consecutive year. Participating from the start were sponsor Roger Wright; his father, C. E. Wright, a teacher at Cren-

shaw Elementary School; and Earl Hurley of the city engineering department.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, spent his fifth year at Santa's switchboard as did Dr. Lloyd Jones, school district executive.

The project started in 1957 when six volunteers handled calls from an estimated 1,200 area youngsters. In 1964 the number had grown to 44 Santas and 4,000 kids; last year it was 62 Santas and 6,000 calls, this year it was 80 Santas and more than 6,500 calls, which puts them on the phones at a rate better than one per minute throughout the 21 hour operation.

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Hal Fisher took his turn at the phones this year. His comment: The job has a hazard — sore ears.

Some calls hinted that the caller probably came from a family in need. These callers were identified as carefully as possible and the names turned over to representatives of the Torrance Lions Club for screening and possible aid.

Sonny Schwartz of the Anserfone staff was "Mrs. Santa" for those callers who insisted on going over Santa's head.

"It was great," Sonny said after the phones had been silenced. The kids will find out this weekend whether Santa really got the message.

Bids for Dominguez Gap Sea Barrier Under Study

Filing of an apparent low bid of \$91,264 for construction of the first unit of the Dominguez Gap sea barrier project has been announced by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Work will be undertaken in sections of Long Beach, Wilmington, and unincorporated county territory.

Bowline Drilling Co. of Bakersfield submitted the lowest of three proposals to the County Flood Control Dis-

trict. Bids ranged to a high offer of \$112,179.

All bids will be checked by District engineers, and the Board of Supervisors are expected to award a contract in about 10 days.

The unit involves drilling 22 observation wells to check

Yule Display Is Presented By Cemetery

A "multivision" Christmas display is being presented by Inglewood Park Cemetery at Manchester and Prairie, Inglewood.

Three panels at the right side of the display rotate from the star of Bethlehem, to the three wise men, to a full color portrayal of Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child.

"In all our communications at this time of the year, whether as individuals or companies," said Mason Lettau, general manager, "we must all remember that the true significance of Christmas is peace and good will."

on effectiveness of a barrier designed to halt encroachment of sea water into fresh supplies.

Known as Unit 1 B, the work area is bounded generally by Sepulveda Boulevard on the north, Sanford Avenue on the west, Dominguez Channel on the east, and G Street on the south, Chace said.

The project is being financed out of the Flood Control District's current fiscal year budget, Chace said.

Diseases Reported

Reported cases of notifiable diseases from the Torrance area for the week ending Nov. 19 included gonorrhea, nine cases; scarlet fever, three; and syphilis, three. One case each was reported of hepatitis, meningitis, mumps, and salmonellosis.

Beauty Can Be a Cruel Thing

If you were one of the most beautiful women in the world, how would you use your beauty? Would you use it to hunt down the much-valued American husband, or would you use it to achieve immortality fame? Or would you, perhaps, like so many great beauties, go back to the vile dust whence you sprang, unwept, unhonored and, most tragic of all, unused?

Many "great" beauties have discovered their assets eventually became heavy crutches on which to lean. One magnificent creature, The Duchess de P., sadly reviewing her unmarried 40 years, said, "Wondering about it now, I think my great misfortune was being beautiful."

Contrast her disillusionment at being what she considers "cursed with beauty," with that of my other dear

friend, the Baroness von S., who happily admits to being 70, has been widowed six times but never divorced. When I met her recently at a cocktail party in her honor, she was celebrating yet another marriage.

She told me confidentially, "I was never beautiful! But I learned early that a pretty face is incidental to romance. Charm and good humor are much more important." Teen-agers, take particular note of this!

All women must contend with time. How cruel it is to great beauties, but how gentle to those who make the most of what they have.

Whether you are a true beauty planning to trap a wealthy husband or an average beauty, here is a tip sent in by a reader to enhance your loveliness.

THE BOARD believes that the ordinance will offer greater flexibility and choice to local businessmen to pursue improvement projects and promotional programs which can lead to a better economy. President Don Hyde said.

The law provides that monies raised under the statute can be used for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of parking facilities for the benefit of the area; decoration of any public place in the area; promotion of public events which are to take place on or in public

places in the area; furnishing of music in any place in the area; and the general promotion of retail trade activities in the area.

CITIES ARE authorized to create taxes within a parking and business improvement area, in addition to general license taxes, in order to augment the program. Any funds raised may be expended only for the purpose outlined in the law.

The Chamber will submit its recommendations to the City Council in the near future, Hyde said.

Your Second Front Page

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SPEAKERS ALL . . . El Camino College's forensics team brought home the trophies in the championship tournament at Pierce College which also earned the third place sweepstakes trophy for the EC entry. Winners, from left, include Bob Shumate, second in oral interpretation; Jean Billings, third in expository speaking; Sonia Bacon, who teamed with Miss Billings to win third in team debate; and Beverly Kelly, second in expository speaking.

Plan to Carpet Schools Vetoed

Torrance youngsters are not going to get carpeted classrooms in the near future.

Not even at a savings of some \$15,000 per year.

Members of the Board of Education were told Monday that carpeting classrooms at West High and two new elementary schools will save nearly \$160,000 during the next 10 years, but trustees didn't even want to talk about it.

Under the program, the district would lease carpet from a Fullerton-based firm and would receive technical support for the carpet program from the firm. Savings, principally in man-hours, would average out to \$15,000 per year during a 10-year period, according to Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent of schools for business.

Trustees expressed fears that the public isn't ready for carpeted classrooms. "We'd be fighting a straw man," one board member said. He said he didn't feel the public could be convinced that carpets

represented a savings, regardless of figures.

The board also noted the program is a new one and expressed a desire to see what results other school districts get from the program.

Yuletide Services Planned

Christmas Eve services at the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, will include a family communion service at 7 p.m. and a midnight candlelight service at 11 p.m. The sermon, "Shepherds," will be delivered by the Rev. Arthur Nagel. The Chancel Choir will appear and Eugene Holder will present "O Holy Night."

Christmas Day services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The sermon will be "Accepting God's Gift." Music by the Chancel Choir will include "Christmas Day" and "O Hearken Ye."



GREETINGS . . . Fred Benson of the South Bay Bar Association, greets Orison S. Marden, president of the American Bar Association, prior to a meeting of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Benson and 12 other local bar association presidents, were honored at the county meeting.

DON'T DRINK

The old cliché says "If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive." Old as it is, the saying gives sage advice. Please keep this warning in mind when you're enjoying a few glasses of "cheer" at a Christmas party. Have a good time — but please use good sense.